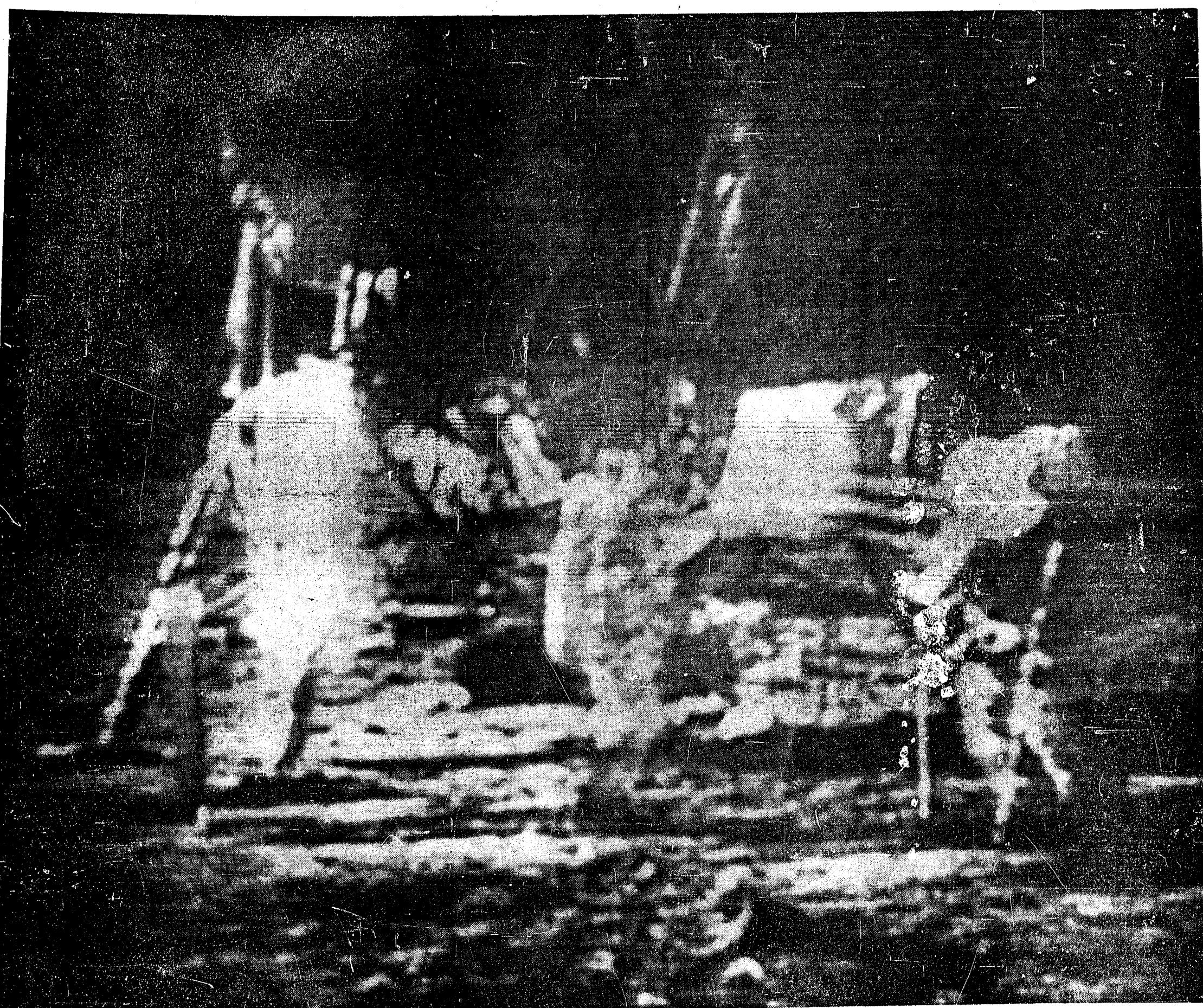


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MAN WALKS ON MOON



Astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin plant American flag on the moon at 11:46 p.m. (AP)

World Gets Guided Tour: 'Beautiful, Magnificent Desolation'

"OK Houston, I'm on the porch."

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"I'm at the foot of the ladder."

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"That's one small step for a man, but one giant leap for mankind."

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"The surface is fine and powdered, like powdered charcoal to the soles of my boot . . . I can see my footprints of my boot in the fine particles."

"I only go in a fraction of an inch, an eighth of an inch."

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"Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful. A magnificent desolation."

"It's very interesting. It's a very fine soft surface, but when I dig for the contingency sample, it appears to be very hard cohesive material of the same sort."

"Didn't I say we might see some purple rocks?"

"Did you find purple rocks?"

"Yup."

"It has a stark beauty all of its own. Its much like the desert of the United States. It's different but its very pretty out here."

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"Its quite dark here in the shadow and quite hard for me to see where I'm stepping...."

"Looking up at the LM . . . I can see everything quite clearly . . . everything is very clearly visible."

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"Put it in the pocket . . . got it . . . the sample is in the pocket . . ."

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"I want to back up and partially close the hatch. Making sure not to lock it on my way out . . ."

Two men from the planet Earth landed on the surface of the Moon at 4:17.45 E.D.T., Sunday, July 20, 1969.

It brought the dawn of a new era in the evolution of man.

The first human imprint on lunar soil was made five hours after the landing by Neil A. Armstrong, a civilian from the United States of America. The time, 10:56.20 p.m., July 29, 1969.

Watching him at the historic moment was Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., an Air Force lieutenant colonel.

It took them 109 hours, 8 minutes and 5 seconds to get there.

Orbiting the moon to pick up the two Moon landers was the third member of the historic team, Air Force Lt Col Michael Collins.

The news of the successful landing which was relayed to Earth by TV and radio in play-by-play sequence was hailed by the entire world.

The age of space truly began on this momentous day and throughout the world scientists now await data and samples which will determine heretofore unknown or uncertain facts about our world and ourselves.